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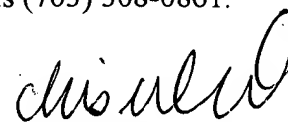
***Interference***

The Supplemental Declaration of Mr. Breugelmans dated October 29, 2003, and the Supplemental Reissue Declarations dated October 29, 2003 have been carefully considered by the examiner. All claims (claims 18-19 and 22-23) are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher Verdier whose telephone number is (703)-308-2638. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 10:00-6:30.

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